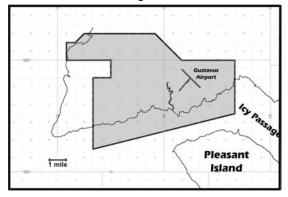


PUBLIC NOTICE

Filing of Petition for Incorporation of the City of Gustavus as a City of the Second Class

Under AS 29.05.060(12), qualified voters of Gustavus have filed a petition with the Alaska Local Boundary Commission (LBC) for incorporation of the "City of Gustavus" as a second class city government.

The proposed city boundaries encompass an estimated 29.23 square miles of land and 10.02 square miles of tidelands and submerged land from Rink Creek on the east to the National Park boundary on the west. The



boundaries encompass the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area; Glacier Bay National Park headquarters, buildings, and employee housing; and a portion of the tidelands and submerged lands in and around Bartlett Cove. Also included is the roadway connecting the Glacier Bay National Park headquarters with the remainder of the community of Gustavus. A map of the territory proposed for incorporation appears at the left.

Under Article X, Section 7 of Alaska's constitution, standards governing the incorporation of city governments are established in AS 29.05.011 – 29.05.021. Additional standards governing city incorporation have been adopted in 3 AAC 110.005 – 3 AAC 110.042, and 3 AAC 110.900 – 3 AAC 110.990.

Procedures governing incorporation of city governments are set out in AS 29.05.060 – 29.05.150 and 3 AAC 110.400 – 3 AAC 110.660.

The petition and related documents are available for public review at the Gustavus Public Library. The Library is open Monday 7-9 p.m., Tuesday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 7-9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-noon; Friday 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday noon-4 p.m., and Sunday 3-6 p.m.

An interested person or entity may file with the LBC written comments supporting or opposing the incorporation petition. Additionally, a person or entity with the capacity to sue and be sued may file with the LBC a responsive brief favorable or adverse to the petition. Responsive briefs must be filed in accordance with 3 AAC 110.480. A person who files a responsive brief (as distinguished from written comments) gains certain procedural rights during the incorporation proceedings. The deadline for filing responsive briefs and written comments is <u>4:30</u> <u>p.m., Friday, May 2, 2003.</u> Responsive briefs and written comments <u>must be received in the office below by the May 2, 2003 deadline</u>:

Local Boundary Commission Staff 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1770 Anchorage, AK 99501-3510 Fax: 907-269-4539 Email: LBC@dced.state.ak.us

Questions concerning the proposed incorporation may be directed to LBC staff at the mailing address, e-mail address, or facsimile number listed above. Additionally, inquiries may be directed to LBC staff by telephone at (907) 269-4560.

After the petitioner has an opportunity to answer any responsive briefs and comments, the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will prepare a preliminary report on the proposal. Following public comment on the preliminary report, DCED will issue its final report. The LBC will then hold at least one public hearing on the proposal in Gustavus. If the LBC approves the petition, incorporation will be subject to approval by a majority of the Gustavus voters casting ballots on the proposition at an election to be conducted by the State of Alaska.